

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JIM ELLIOTT**, on April 6, 2005 at 8 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jim Elliott, Chairman (D)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)
Sen. Dan Harrington (D)
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (R)
Sen. Bob Story Jr. (R)
Sen. Ken Toole (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Jon Ellingson (D)
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kathleen Ely, Committee Secretary
Lee Heiman, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 716, 4/4/2005
Executive Action: HB 89, HB 475, HB 541, HB 186

00:00:05

HEARING ON HB 716

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. GARY MACLAREN (R), HD 89, opened the hearing on HB 716, Increase level of exemption for class 8 property.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:17 REP. JON SONJU, HD 7

Opponents' Testimony:

00:04:26 Linda Gryszom, Montana League of Women Voters
00:06:34 Gordon Morris, Montana Association of County Officials

Informational Testimony:

00:08:13 Larry Finch, Department of Revenue

00:08:37

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:39:38 Dan Dodds, Department of Revenue

00:41:07

Closing by Sponsor:

00:44:13

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 89

Motion/Vote: SEN. GEBHARDT moved that HB 89 BE CONCURRED IN.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:48:03

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 475

Motion: SEN. STORY moved that HB 475 BE CONCURRED IN.

00:48:50 Ronda Carpenter-Wiggers

[EXHIBIT](#)(tas73a01)

00:56:42 SEN. BLACK arrives.

Motion: SEN. ESSMANN moved that HB 475 BE AMENDED.

SEN. ESSMANN withdrew his motion.

Vote: Motion by SEN. STORY failed 2-7 by voice vote with SEN. GILLAN and SEN. SCHMIDT voting aye. SEN. SCHMIDT voting aye by proxy.

Motion/Vote: SEN. STORY moved that HB 475 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED. Motion carried 7-2 by voice vote with SEN. GILLAN and SEN. SCHMIDT voting no.

01:15:33

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 541

Motion: SEN. STORY moved that HB 541 BE CONCURRED IN.

Motion/Vote: SEN. TOOLE moved that HB 541 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

[EXHIBIT](#)(tas73a02)

Motion/Vote: SEN. STORY moved that HB 541 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:17:49

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 186

Motion: SEN. GEBHARDT moved that HB 186 BE CONCURRED IN.

Motion/Vote: SEN. GEBHARDT moved that HB 186 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

[EXHIBIT](#)(tas73a03)

Motion/Vote: SEN. GEBHARDT moved that HB 186 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:15 A.M.

SEN. JIM ELLIOTT, Chairman

KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([tas73aad0.TIF](#))